

## Canyon Lands



Grand Canyon Sunrise

### 15 Days / 14 Nights

Roundtrip out of Las Vegas

**Dates:** see insert

### Highlights

- \* Las Vegas nightlights
- \* World-famous National Parks including: Zion, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Arches, Canyonlands, and Capitol Reef.
- \* Experience ancient and Native cultures at Mesa Verde National Park and the Four Corners Monument.
- \* Travel with historic Durango/Silverton train
- \* Unique geology, including a petrified forest and red sandstone Colorado Plateau
- \* Optional Lake Powell boating and famous Antelope Canyon, a slot canyon and photographer's paradise.



Mesa Verde National Park

**Costs:** see detailed costs on insert in catalog

### Explore Las Vegas, city of lights

Meet your tour group in this exciting, lively city and spend your first evening on the strip. Complete with fascinating architecture, entertainment and a unique culture distinctly different from anywhere else in the world this is one city that truly never sleeps. From this human created metropolitan paradise we will venture on into the natural landscapes of the West.



Grand Circle States-Tour Route Map

### Journey through vast landscapes, canyons and desert lakes

This outdoor adventure offers you a glimpse into the fascinating geologic history of the Colorado Plateau. Stand dwarfed by giant rock arches, look down on massive carved river valleys including the famous Grand Canyon, and gaze over endless expanses of rocky, harsh beauty. Hike into the heart of Bryce Canyon with its colorful formations, or take a peaceful rim walk for stunning views into the canyon. Choose to take a boat ride on brilliant Lake Powell or travel down the Colorado River by night, or just relax in your comfortable cabins with a good book. Visit slot canyons and giant rock formations formed by thousands of years of interacting elements. And while you explore the many National Parks and Monuments featured on this tour, keep an eye out for wildlife and interesting plants.



Bryce Canyon Hike

### Experience cultural and natural history first hand.

As you tour through Monument Valley, home of many famous Western movies and shows, you will be reminded of the difficulties and challenges that faced the Navajo Nation as they struggled to survive in this beautiful but dry, rugged land. Observe ancient culture at Mesa Verde National Park as you wander around monumental cliff dwellings. A ranger guided tour will introduce you to the history of these peoples. An optional ride on the Durango and Silverton railway perfectly exhibits the West's settlement history, including the gold mining industry and the lives of early pioneers.



Lake Powell



Navajo Heritage Center, Page AZ

### Relax and enjoy.

Every evening you will find yourself relaxing in comfort at hotels near excellent restaurants. We often stay in hotels with swimming pools, fitness centers and nearby attractions. Our tour van provides a great opportunity for sightseeing.

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Cactus Flowers

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Mesa Arch, sunrise at Island in the Sky, Canyonlands N.P.

This tour of Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming and Nevada combines all the greatest highlights of the Grand Circle area with less known natural wonders off the beaten path.

**Day 1:** Meet and greet in Las Vegas, after which you are free to explore the strip and nightlights.

**Day 2:** First stop at Valley of Fire State Park for petroglyphs and bizarre sandstone cliffs. Then head towards Bryce Canyon, breaking at gorgeous Red Rock Canyon for a hike.

**Day 3:** Explore the depths of variably-colored gullies in Bryce Canyon National Park. Rim walk, optional hike into canyon, visitor center stop with impressive video.

**Day 4:** Drive scenic Hwy 12. Stop at Kodachrome Basin State Park to see fossilized tree trunks. Afternoon hike to unusual Calf Creek Falls, with possible swim.

**Day 5:** First stop is Capitol Reef National Park, with a 1-way hike down a dry riverbed, thunderstorms allowing. Next pose with Disney-like rock formations at Goblin Valley State Park. Stop at Sego Canyon to view petroglyphs, then drive to Moab, with its fine dining and many galleries and shops.

**Day 6:** Morning in Moab, optional white water rafting on the Colorado River. Afternoon at incredible Arches National Park with many shorter walks. Optional wild west Chuck Wagon dinner.

**Day 7:** Stop at impressive overlook at Dead Horse Point State Park, then to nearby Canyonlands National Park pictured above, where the Green & Colorado Rivers meet. On to Mancos for the night.

**Day 8:** Today's highlights are the old mining towns of Durango and Silverton. Take the optional 3-hour original steam engine ride. Afternoon offers a hot springs swimming opportunity, or shopping in Durango.

**Day 9:** Explore ancient ruins of the Puebloan cliff dwelling Native Americans at Mesa Verde. Optional climb into the Cliff Palace. Stop at Four-Corners-Monument for Native gifts, fry bread, and photos. Night at a hotel with pool.

**Day 10:** Drive through magnificent and little known Valley of the Gods, on to Gooseneck State Park. Highlight is Monument Valley, backdrop for more than 20 old Westerns, with spires that inspired John Wayne fans for decades.

**Day 11:** Highly recommended walk through Antelope Canyon, a slot canyon pictured right. Afternoon swim at Lake Powell, with optional boat rental or tour. Evening we invite you to a native Navajo dinner with dancing and history.

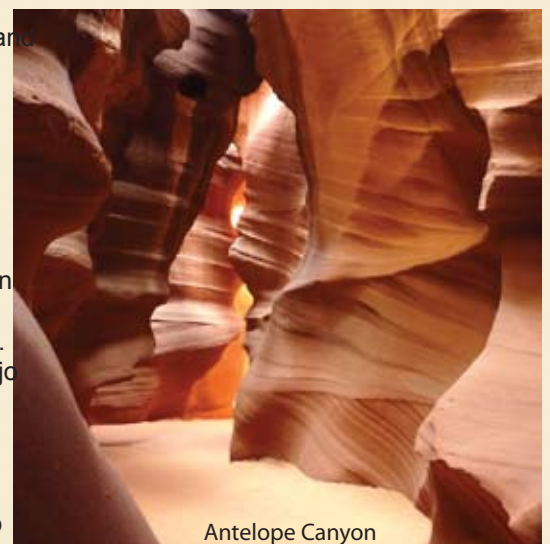
**Day 12:** Tour Pipe Springs National Monument, a Mormon settlement, then picnic at Coral Pink Sand Dunes. On to Grand Canyon, night in cozy cabins.

**Day 13:** We reach Grand Canyon National Park, where we experience the sheer magnificence of the canyon on several shorter hikes. Picnic, and possible dinner at lodge.

**Day 14:** Drive along gorgeous Mt. Carmel Road to Zion National Park. Drive and hike amongst giant cliffs and Virgin River. Back to Las Vegas.

**Day 15:** Journey home or continue travel on your own.

**Tour Schedule: please note that tours are subject to changes. For most current itineraries please visit our website at [www.traveldreamwest.com](http://www.traveldreamwest.com)**



Antelope Canyon by Lake Powell